

Yeshvantpur Express and 2703/2704 Howrah-Secunderabad Falaknuma Express and others at Jaleswar.

- (2) Diversion of 203/204 Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar Fast Passenger via Cuttack.
- (3) Introduction of new train from Kharagpur to Bhadrak.
- (4) Introduction of 2891/2892 Baripada-Bhubaneswar Express.
- (5) Attachment of more coaches to 203/204 Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar Fast Passenger.

Following services/facilities have been provided/proposed to be provided in Jaleswar area:—

- (1) Stoppage of 2819/2820 Bhubaneswar-New Delhi Orissa Sampark Kranti Express have been provided at Jaleswar from 01.02.2006.
- (2) It has been announced in Railway Budget to introduce 2891/2892 Bhubaneswar-Baripada Express during 2006-07.
- (3) 203/204 Kharagpur-Bhubaneswar Fast Passenger has been augmented by one General second class coach from 29.08.2006.

Regarding other items, the matters have been examined but not found feasible at present.

(c) A survey has been taken up for new line between Jaleswar and Digba.

(d) No time-frame is feasible to be given as it is not a sanctioned project.

Gauge conversion of Nuapada and Gunupur

2700. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J.P. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that conversion of 92 kms. narrow guage between Nuapada and Gunupur, in Orissa, though conceived long back, is yet to be completed;

(b) if so, what is holding up the progress of this project; and

(c) the time-frame within which the above project would be completed and opened to traffic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The work of Naupada-Gunupur gauge conversion project, included in the Railway Budget in 1997-98, is being progressed as per the operational priority of the project and the availability of resources. Land has been acquired partially. Earthwork and bridgeworks have been taken up. The budget outlay for the project has been increased substantially from Rs. 5 crore during 2005-06 to Rs. 34 core during 2006-07 to speed up the progress of work during the year. No target date of completion of the project has yet been fixed.

Rail line from Jammu to R.S. Pura

2701. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to start the railway line from Jammu to R.S. Pura in near future;

(b) if so, the status of the proposal thereof; and

(c) the details of any survey conducted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Ticketless travellers

†2702. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of train passengers caught travelling in trains without ticket in the country during the last three years and the fine recovered from them;

(b) the area where most of the passengers travel without tickets; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to solve this problem?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.